

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Status of the Claims.

Claims 28, 29 and 36 to 46 are currently under consideration, while claims 1-27 and 30-35, not elected in a prior restriction action, have been cancelled. Claims 28 and 29 are amended herein. These amendments introduce no new matter and support is replete throughout the specification. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record.

With respect to claims 28 and 29, the amendments merely insert the structure referred to as "Formula I" into the claim, as requested by the Examiner. This adds no subject matter to the claims. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph.

Claims 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

The Examiner has suggested that because claims 28 and 29 recite the "general formula I", the claims would be more clear if the structure of Formula I was inserted into the claim. Because the claims have amended to include the formula, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections.

Other Objections

The Examiner has requested cancellation of non-elected claims after final according to MPEP 821.01. In response, Applicants have now cancelled all non-elected claims. Therefore this objection is fully addressed by Applicants.

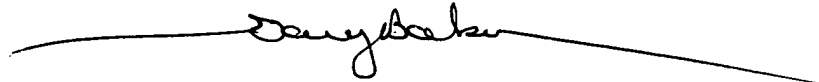
CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciate that the Examiner found the remarks in the Response to previous Office Action persuasive and has withdrawn the substantive rejections. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the claims are deemed not to be in condition for allowance after consideration of this Response, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3510 to schedule an interview.

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Attachments:

- 1) A transmittal sheet; and,
- 2) A receipt indication postcard.

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